

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, VERMONT
BOARD OF TOWN SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
Minutes of August 6, 2018**

- I. ROLL CALL.** Select Board Chair Kenneth W. Goslant, Board members Lynn Doney, Julie H. Goodrich (via phone), K. David Maxwell, and Nathaniel Miller. Also present were Town Manager Jeff Schulz and Highway Foreman Trent Tucker.

Chair Goslant called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** The Board members and the public were asked to rise and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

- III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Scheduled):** None.

IV. DISCUSSION

- a. Winter Sand Bids.** Manager Schulz said based on Select Board authorization and the waiving of the municipality's purchasing policy at the last regular meeting, Highway Foreman Trent Tucker contacted road material suppliers in the Central Vermont area and requested winter sand delivered and pit prices for FY 2018/2019. Mr. Tucker received bids from Tabor Earth Excavators for \$13.75 per yard delivered and \$10.00 per yard pit price; from Hebert Excavation for \$13.80 per yard delivered; from Gillespie Fuels & Propane for \$17.75 per yard delivered and \$7.50 per yard pit price; and Dubois Construction for \$14.15 per yard delivered and \$7.50 per yard pit price. It was noted Tabor's pit is located in Roxbury; Hebert's in Williamstown; and Gillespie and Dubois share a pit in Bolton. Motion by Board member Maxwell, seconded by Doney, to award the FY 2018/2019 winter sand bid to Tabor Earth Extractors for the delivered price of \$13.75 per yard and the pit price of \$10.00 per yard.

Chair Goslant asked what would be the size of the winter sand the municipality would be buying from Tabor. Mr. Tucker said it probably would be three-eighths of an inch ($\frac{3}{8}$ "), which he considered more than acceptable. Mr. Tucker said he would confirm this in the pit before the material was purchased. Chair Goslant asked if it still was going to be possible to stockpile winter sand at Gillespie Fuels' new building site on Stony Brook Road (as Gillespie has offered at no cost). Mr. Tucker said this was the plan but it might not happen this winter as Gillespie was facing delays in obtaining state permits for its new facility. He added having a stockpile there would allow the Highway crew to reload their vehicles without having to drive all the way back to the municipality's pit in Northfield Falls. Mr. Tucker feels if this is done, the potential savings in time, gasoline, wear and tear, etc. could be considerable. He would like to put about three thousand (3,000) yards there as the Stony Brook Road site would be centrally-located to the bulk of Northfield's backroads. Mr. Tucker will check with Gillespie representatives regarding their current timeline for the new facility.

Chair Goslant felt it might be a good idea to solicit quotes from local haulers to see if it would be cost effective to have the winter sand transported from the Tabor pit in Roxbury to the municipal pit in Northfield Falls. Board member Doney felt it was unlikely to find a hauler who could deliver for less than the extra \$3.75 per yard Tabor would charge but he agreed it would be best to cover all the bases. Board member Goodrich asked if there had been any consideration of having material hauled from the pit in Bolton. Manager Schulz said he and Mr. Tucker had looked into this but found it neither a time- nor cost-effective alternative. Board member Goodrich asked why there was no bid from R.E. Tucker, which had submitted winter sand proposals in recent years. Mr. Tucker said he spoke to them and learned they are not interested in selling winter sand at this time. Board member Maxwell asked if there were any concerns about winter sand delivery by the October 15, 2018 deadline. Manager Schulz said this should not be a problem this year. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

- V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Unscheduled).** There was none.

- VI. ADJOURNMENT.** Motion by Board member Maxwell, seconded by Board member Doney, to adjourn. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

The Board adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth L. McCann

Kenneth L. McCann, Acting Clerk

An audio recording of this meeting is available in the Town Manager's Office.

These minutes were approved at the regular Select Board meeting of August 14, 2018.